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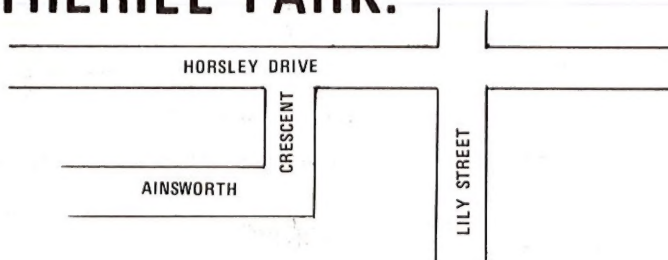
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MY VIEW
by RALE RASIC.



Sponsorship in sport has become a fact of life — and very big business.

In this respect, Marconi Soccer Club can count itself lucky to have teamed up a year ago with the Rosso Antico Company. It's about time I paid a compliment in "My View."

When Soccer first started seeking sponsors for clubs in the Philips Soccer League, everyone tried to climb on the bandwagon. Alas, many of the early sponsors have already fallen by the wayside.

Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, for instance, have already had three different sponsors in a matter of a year. St. George BSC had a brief tie-up with a car company. Sydney Olympic enrolled financial support from Patra Fruit Juice, Olympic Airways, a health food firm and so forth.

Through it all, Marconi have been treated handsomely by one main sponsor, Rosso Antico. I can honestly state that Rosso Antico has honoured its commitment to Marconi Soccer in every way.

We are grateful for this.

Of course, sponsorship in sport has to be a two-way deal. So I think it's fair to point out that Rosso Antico backed a winner by teaming up with Marconi.

Our sponsors delivered the goods. And the Marconi team filled their share of the bargain by winning matches and shooting to the top of the PSL competition.

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The Official Opening....A Big Day

On Sunday, 16th April, 1978 the new grand stand at the Marconi Stadium was officially opened. So this club, which not so many years ago was just feeling its feet in the NSW second division, has come of age.

Marconi are among the big boys of Soccer - and we aim to get much bigger in the future.

We believe the facilities offered for our spectators are second to none. It is now possible to stage top matches in the sort of atmosphere they deserve. With individual seats replacing the old grass covered hill, plus a proper Press box for the media men, we should all be proud of what has been achieved.

It has been said this year that, to get true Soccer atmosphere in the Philips Soccer League, you must travel to the Bruce Stadium in Canberra or the International Centre in Newcastle.

Certainly those grounds have magnificent grand stands which add a lot of enjoyment to a match. We believe Marconi has now joined Canberra City and Newcastle KB United in presenting Soccer to the public as it should be presented.

Coming into our ground, with up to 3,000 seated in the new stand, one has the feeling that things are happening in a big way at Marconi.

The club is grateful to the V.I.P's who helped with the official opening.

In particular, we are indebted to the NSW Deputy Premier, Jack Ferguson and the Minister of Sport, Ken Booth, who kindly gave up their leisure time to come along for the official opening.



After the Opening, ready for the Big Game.
(Marconi won against Western Suburbs 6-2).

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A Memorable Victory for Marconi

by RALE RASIC.

In a lifetime in Soccer, one of the most remarkable matches I have watched was between Marconi and Wests a couple of weeks ago.

It ended in a wonderful 6 - 2 victory for my team but the score doesn't tell half the story.

Marconi were leading 2 - 0 after a quarter of an hour: then, just three minutes later, Wests had fought back to 2 - 2. And for the rest of the first half, Wests were outstanding, playing well enough to have gone in for the break leading 3 - 2 or even 4 - 2. But it was not to be.

The Marconi men were in fantastic form in the closing 45 minutes. Revealing a complete change of attitude to the match, Marconi galloped to a 6 - 2 advantage and we might have reached double figures by the time the final whistle was blown.

Surely nobody expected Wests, always a fine team in defence, to concede six goals. That is exactly what happened. The real winners were the 6,000 spectators at the match. When a meeting of two top teams produces eight goals, it just has to be a real crowd-pleaser. It was value for money all right.

Considering Marconi had to take the field without key players, Gary Byrne and Ivo Prskalo, I was surprised at the big win. I'll admit I was worried before the kick-off and even more worried when Wests pulled back our two goal lead. Yet all turned out well in this memorable match.

Without wishing to single out players in particular, I must pay a tribute to Roberto Vieri, not only because he scored three goals, but also because he served up yet another excellent all-round performance.



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South Melbourne Spectacular

"This is what the Philips Soccer League is all about." That comment came from a spectator at last Sunday's South Melbourne v Marconi match at Middle Park.

It certainly was a wonderful occasion, the sort of a day when all doubts about the ultimate success of the PSL are swept aside.

Much of the credit for the excellent crowd (nearly 18,000 spectators turned up) has to go to the host club, South Melbourne.

They went out of their way to promote and publicise this "meeting of the giants" and it paid off in spectator interest.

The only problem is....will the 3 - 0 defeat casue South Melbourne's fans to stay at home next time? It is a pity either team had to lose. South Melbourne are a fine side but when Marconi are in this devastating form, there is no team good enough to hold them.

Although the scoreline may suggest an easy victory, it was anything but easy. In fact, until Mark Jankovics scored the third goal in the closing minutes, it was wide open. The Melbourne team always looked strong enough to force a draw.


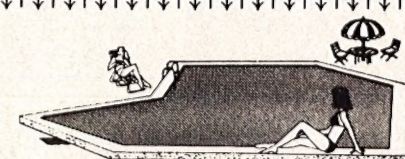
Marconi's big men were Maestro Vieri, Peter Sharne, playing fantastic football, and John Russell who effectively put the brakes on the dangerous Peter Ollerton. Allan Maher also had a fine 90 minutes, despite the 3 - 0 score, which may have indicated he was not kept busy.

It was a good contrast of styles, with South Melbourne always seeking to find the heads of Ollerton and Rogers and Marconi preferring the short-passing game.

By the way, we give no marks to the TV commentator who stated before the match that it would be a battle of goalkeepers - John Hansen versus Allan Maher.

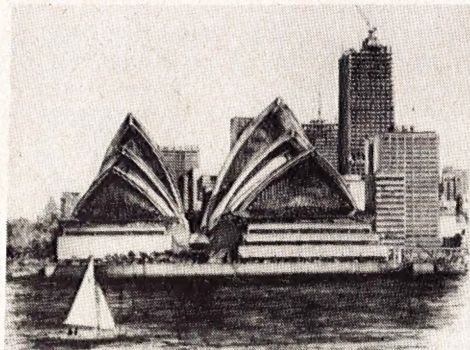
This person introduced strange logic with his opinion that, because Hansen had conceded four goals and Maher had conceded five, Hansen was the better goalie.

At least that gave the Marconi players a good laugh !

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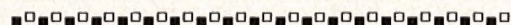
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Welcome West Adelaide

It is Marconi's good fortune to have the attractive West Adelaide team as our visitors and opponents today.

The West Adelaide club, originally known as Olympic and later as Hellas, was founded 29 years ago by Adelaide's Greek community.

Over the past 10 years, it has been the most successful Soccer club in South Australia winning championships and premierships consistently. West Adelaide, whose patron is S.A. State Premier Don Dunstan, has a magnificent home ground at Hindmarsh Stadium.

With an average home attendance of 5,521, West Adelaide was second only to Adelaide City in crowd figures last year - the inaugural year of the Philips Soccer League.

Coach of the team is John Margaritas, a man who had outstanding success coaching Fitzroy United in Melbourne last year.

Margaritas took over just before Marconi hammered Fitzroy 8 - 1, yet survived that early disaster to take Fitzroy to within reach of the championship. His efforts with Fitzroy were rewarded this year by West Adelaide who appointed him as coach. As a player, John Margaritas was one of the great stars of the old South Melbourne Hellas club.

Now meet the West Adelaide players:-

- (1) **MARTYN CROOK** — goalkeeper. Only 21, this six feet tall boy replaced Sam Servise last season and quickly established himself in first grade. Crook has developed into one of the top goalkeepers in Australia. Went to England during the PSL close season to train and play with full-time professionals.
- (3) **BARRY REYNOLDS** — right back. Tall, fast, a perfect example of a modern overlapping full-back. Reynolds is approaching the veteran age group after seven years with West Adelaide but is still an outstanding performer.
- (16) **CON CAMPAS** — defender. As a Greek international, Campas, who arrived in Australia only this year, clearly has the right credentials for success. Campas played as a "libero" but switched to full-back when West Adelaide played Footscray.
- (6) **DAVID JONES** — centre-half. Age 22, this 6ft 2ins defender is a player with a big future. Brought to South Australia from Perth where he played for Tricolore, Jones has already been suggested as the logical successor to Peter Wilson in Australia's national team. Jimmy Shoulder brought him into the World Cup squad last year and was well pleased with him.
- (12) **VIC BOZANIC** — utility player. A real all-rounder, Bozanic has played in the forward line, in midfield and defence. Was bought from Polonia for \$8,000 as a replacement for John Kosmina, now with Arsenal. Excellent at dead ball situations, possessor of a powerful shot, Bozanic has enormous potential.
- (7) **PETER BOYLE** — forward. Came to Australia last year after playing in the Scottish first division for Clyde. A player of immense experience, though only 25, Boyle has a solid work rate and plenty of skill.
- (4) **NEIL McGACHEY** — midfield or defence. Captain of the team, and a player who never stops running. At 25, McGachey is in his 11th year with West Adelaide, having been brought to maturity through the club's junior sides. Played for South Australia.

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- (10) **GRAHAM HONEYMAN** — one of several Scottish players brought to this country by Dave Maclaren when he was coaching Easts Hakoah. While Honeyman had some success with Hakoah, he never really made his first team job secure. However, it was a surprise when Hakoah decided to let him move to West Adelaide. Strong in the air.
- (15) **ALEC ZERVAS** — forward. Age 29 and a long-time servant of West Adelaide, having spent 11 seasons with the club. Played in Greece for the Larisa club and has represented South Australia's State team. Career interrupted some time ago with a year's suspension.
- (11) **IAN MCGREGOR** — forward or midfield. A small, nippy, forward capable of scoring opportunist goals. Despite having five years with West Adelaide, McGregor is still only 21. Developed through the club's junior sides. Represented South Australia as a junior and a senior.
- (8) **DAVID PILLANS** — midfield. Made a late start in the Philips Soccer League this year, playing only his first match a week ago. Pillans, however, is one of the giants of West Adelaide - in every way. A fine constructive midfielder, Pillans stands 6ft 4ins. He has been with the club for eight years and played several times for South Australia.
- (2) **PETER TYMCZYSZYN** — Product of South Australia Junior Soccer. Age 23.
- (5) **LUCKY VAGIANOS** — One of the longest serving players in the club.
- (20) **SAM SERVISE** — Former South Melbourne Hellas and Victorian State Team representative. The player with greatest goalkeeper experience in the club.
- (13) **GEORGE KOULIANOS** — Product of South Australia Junior Soccer. Age 18.

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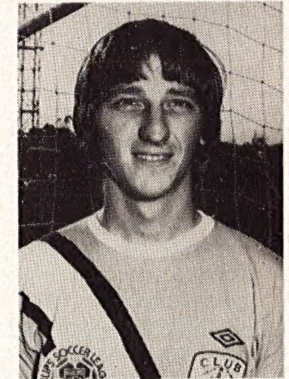
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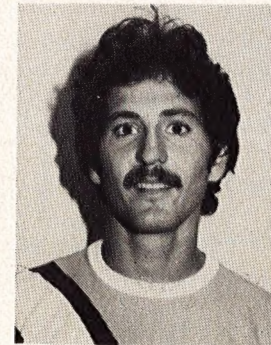
SHARNE SPEEDY GONZALES E MARIANI TESTINA D'ORO

Peter Sharne e Alberto Mariani rappresentano assieme a Jankovics la linea verde del Marconi. Entrambi classe '56, i due giocatori sono nati a Sydney e hanno cominciato a giocare nelle file del Marconi quasi nello stesso periodo circa sette anni orsono.

Sharne è un giocatore di struttura completamente diversa da quella del collega Mariani. Peter infatti è un brevilineo, mentre Mariani è un ragazzino atleticamente ben messo, forte. Sharne è senza dubbio uno dei veloci giocatori del campionato. Il suo scatto è irresistibile e nessun difensore è ancora riuscito a resistergli quando si lancia nella sua caratteristica galoppata sulla fascia laterale per poi rientrare per il cross al centro.



Forse il solo Degney, altro giocatore velocissimo, potrebbe contrastarlo, ma per fortuna di Sharne Degney è uno dei suoi più preziosi collaboratori.



Alberto Mariani, lui preferisce farsi chiamare Bertie, ha un buon controllo di palla, ha buona tecnica individuale e un tiro forte, teso, preciso. Non disdegna, anche per ordini di scuderia, di arretrare a dare man forte ai compagni nei momenti di bisogno. Ma il punto forte di Mariani è il gioco aereo nel quale eccelle. La maggior parte dei gol messi a segno dal giocatore sono venuti da tremende incornate. A differenza del collega Sharne, che per tutti i 90' rimane costantemente concentrato nel gioco, Mariani ha sovente delle lunghe pause, ma quando meno te lo aspetti si fa trovare pronto all'appuntamento con il gol.

Abbiamo incontrato i due attaccanti nei locali del Club Marconi subito dopo una breve seduta di allenamento. Tra un sorso e l'altro di "lemon squash" hanno risposto alle nostre domande. Abbiamo iniziato dapprima con Sharne.

- D. - Quali sono i tuoi interessi oltre al calcio?
- R. - Mi piace giocare a tennis e a snooker e come tutti i giovani la musica moderna.
- D. - C'è stato qualcuno che ha avuto una particolare importanza nella tua carriera di calciatore?
- R. - Ho avuto tre allenatori, Cheker, Nesti e Rasic. Il primo mi ha incoraggiato all'inizio e insegnato i rudimentali. Nesti mi ha svezato e dato ottimi consigli. Con Rasic sto maturando e imparando a comportarmi da vero professionista.
- D. - Come giudichi i tuoi nuovi compagni Vieri e Jankovics?
- R. - Jankovics è più unico che raro. Corre per novanta minuti senza sosta e coprendo una considerevole parte del terreno di gioco consente a me e a Mariani di tirare spesso il fiato. Roberto Vieri è il giocatore più tecnico da me visto in Australia. L'anno scorso non lo avevo capito molto, ma quest'anno la musica è cambiata.
- D. - Cosa ti aspetti dal futuro?
- R. - Vincere lo scudetto con il Marconi. Venire nuovamente convocato in nazionale e veder migliorato il livello tecnico e professionistico del calcio australiano.

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È stato quindi il turno di Mariani.

- D.— *È parere di molti tifosi che tu abbia sofferto la partenza di Colusso?*
R.— *Un pò è vero. Con Renato giocavamo ormai sin da bambini e ci capivamo a memoria. Renato sapeva come preferivo mi fosse passata la palla.*
D.— *Come mai alterni ottime prestazioni ad altrettante deludenti partite?*
R.— *L'anno scorso avevo iniziato ad ingranare, poi è giunto Roby Vieri e ho dovuto star fuori. Al mio rientro non sono più riuscito ad esprimermi a livelli di sufficienza.*
D.— *Quest'anno sembra l'annata buona. Il ruolo di centravanti non te lo soffia nessuno?*
R.— *Non mi sembra vero. Alcuni anni fa giocavo nei juniores e vedevo i vari Carrizo, Tolson, Wilson e Campbell come dei mostri sacri. Adesso sono titolare e farò del mio meglio per restarci il più a lungo possibile.*
D.— *Cosa pensi di Jankovics e di Vieri?*
R.— *Di Mark ha già detto tutto Peter. Vieri è un fuoriclasse. L'anno scorso fu criticato, ma non fu per colpa sua. Roby dovette giocare in una posizione a lui poco congeniale. Quest'anno si è visto il suo reale valore.*
D.— *Cosa ti aspetti dal futuro?*
R.— *Desidero rimanere titolare nel Marconi, vincere uno scudetto e indossare almeno per una volta la maglia della nazionale.*
D.— *Quali sono tuoi hobbies?*
R.— *Mi piacciono le belle donne e la musica moderna, in particolare quella del complesso musicale di mio fratello.*

A Sharne e a Mariani abbiamo infine chiesto se questo è l'anno buono per il Marconi. Ad una sola voce i due giovani attaccanti hanno detto che il Marconi vincerà lo scudetto con un largo margine di vantaggio. Come si fa a non vincere, hanno aggiunto i due giocatori, con l'allenatore più professionista in Australia e con alle spalle il migliore club del mondo.

È terminata con queste frasi famose la nostra chiaccherata con Sharne e Mariani due giovani pieni di entusiasmo e di buone intenzioni.

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CLUB NEWS from MARCONI

Mark Jankovics celebrated his 22nd birthday a week ago. We at Marconi all wish him the best of luck and many happy returns of the day. Mark is a young man who looks sure to go places. At his age, his Soccer future is assured.

We are most grateful to the enthusiastic girl Soccer players who teamed up with Marconi this year.

The girls contribute so much to promotion of the game in this area. They make scarves in club colours, decorate the ground in blue and white streamers, provide flags and pennants in our colours and generally add great atmosphere to the occasion on match days.

Marconi says "thank you" to these girls.

Incidentally, they will be in charge of our souvenir shop which is scheduled to open for the first time this afternoon at the game against West Adelaide.

Sympathise with Gary Byrne. He has collected a troublesome injury at the worst possible time. Gary was reaching the peak of his form when he was kicked in the game against Eastern Suburbs Hakoah. Now he faces a spell on the injured list.

Gary had to miss Marconi's match against Western Suburbs and also the one against South Melbourne. He is also a possible absentee this afternoon against West Adelaide.

Unfortunately, when a team is getting great results, it is not easy regaining a first grade spot once you've been out. That is another problem facing the unlucky Gary Byrne.

When is an Oval not an Oval? That question was asked in THE SUN recently. The answer provided was.... "When it's rectangular."

Reference was also made to Marconi Oval which, of course, is NOT an oval at all. This is an interesting talking point. Maybe we should stop calling our ground Marconi Oval. What do you think?

Since our new grand stand was officially opened, it is true to say that Marconi, at last, owns its own stadium. Shall we call it Marconi Stadium, rather than Marconi Oval in future? Let's hear your opinion on this.

Ivo Prskalo is one of Marconi's most experienced players but even he found the tension almost unbearable at the Wests match.

Ivo, sidelined through a suspension, says he was a bundle of nerves for the full 90 minutes. He commented: "I always thought it was easy to watch a game from the sideline. I've changed my mind. It's much easier to be playing."

Australians, it seems, take a long time to throw off their inheritance of words used in Rugby League and Australian Rules.

For instance, a Philips Soccer League fixture list going the rounds, is headed "FOOTY FIXTURES." Footy? That's a word I've often heard in Melbourne, referring to Australian Rules. In Sydney, too, it is sometimes used to describe Rugby League. But Soccer never was, and never will be FOOTY. Football, yes. Footy, certainly not!

(continued overleaf)

A Marconi fan called Caesar Harms performs a great service to the club. Caesar collects and cuts out all Soccer clippings from newspapers and brings them to the club. With his help, we have a complete record of all our matches and news about the code.

Dear Mr. Morizzi,

Your players deserve the highest praise and cannot be blamed for destroying this match as a spectacle for fans of Soccer.

Yours sincerely,
Michael J. Gleave, Randwick.

P.S. I apologise for not printing the full content of the letter because I did not want to create friction between the clubs.

I thank you for your compliments to the team.

Rale Rasic.



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